

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

STARK

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31st.

1944



COOS COUNTY DEMOCRAT PRESS

LANCASTER, N. H.

Town of Stark

New Hampshire

In Coos County

For the Year Ending December 30

1944



Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this Report
was taken from official records and is complete to
the best of our knowledge and belief.

RAYMOND P. STUART	} Selectmen of Stark
DEAN F. MILES	
MYRON W. COLE	

STELLA A. LUNN, Treasurer and Town Clerk.

MYRON OSGOOD, Tax Collector

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TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stark in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, March 13, 1945, to act upon the subjects herein after mentioned. The polls will be open at said place and date from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the reception of your ballots upon the election of town officers under the Non-Partisan Ballot System; furthermore, you are hereby warned that on said date and place, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, the matters of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

1. To choose by ballot the following town officers for the ensuing year: a town clerk, a town treasurer, a tax collector, one auditor, two road agents, two constables, two sextons, and one trustee for the Cemetery Trust funds.

2. To choose by ballot the following town officers for the ensuing three years; one selectman, one library trustee.

3. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to appoint all other town officers as required by law.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise for Highways to be expended by the Road Agents.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Snow Removal.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for Maintenance.

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for T. R. A. and appropriate \$270.76 and set aside for this purpose. The State will contribute \$1083.02.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Current Expenses.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Town Relief.

11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Old Age Assistance.

12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to meet interest charges for the ensuing year.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Public Library purposes.

14. To see if the Town will vote for a Scale of Discounts for payments of taxes on the Basis of Three per cent if paid by Aug. 31st, Two per cent if paid by Sept. 30th.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year and pay such debts from tax money when received.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to renew the emergency note issued under the provision of Chapter 63 of the 1933 Laws amended by Chapter 39 of the 1935 Session Law, in part or whole from time to time as might be necessary during the ensuing year.

17. To see if the Town will vote to purchase 1000 feet of Snow Fence at an approximate cost of \$165.00

and make appropriation for same.

18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for upkeep of the Cemeteries.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$2000.00 to pay on the Emergency Note, State of New Hampshire.

20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate to the White Mountains Region Association, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town together with other towns in the region, a sum not exceeding 10c per \$1000.00 of the assessed valuation of the town for 1944.

21. To see if the Town will vote to support United States membership in a general system of international cooperation, such as that proposed at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, having police power to maintain the peace of the world.

22. To see what action the Town will take to replace the present Town tractor and plow with a new or used unit.

23. To see if the Town will vote to Rescind the action taken on Article 19 in the 1944 Town Warrant. Article: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Non-Partisan Ballot System for the election of town officials as provided in the Revised Laws of New Hampshire.

RAYMOND P. STUART,
DEAN F. MILES,
MYRON W. COLE,
Selectmen of Stark.

A True Copy—Attest:

RAYMOND P. STUART,
DEAN F. MILES,
MYRON W. COLE,
Selectmen of Stark.

SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommended to raise the sum of \$1500.00 to defray Town Charges.
2. Recommended to raise the sum of \$1600.00 to be expended by the Road Agents.
3. Recommended to raise the sum of \$2500.00 for Snow Removal.
4. Recommended to raise the sum of \$1500.00 for Town Maintenance.
5. Recommended to raise the sum of \$270.76 for **T. R. A.**
6. Recommended to raise the sum of \$500.00 for current expenses.
7. Recommended to raise the sum of \$250.00 for Town Relief.
8. Recommended to raise the sum of \$800.00 for Old Age Assistance.
9. Recommended to raise the sum of \$500.00 for Interest Charges.
10. Recommended to raise the sum of \$250.00 for Public Library Purposes.
11. Recommended to raise the sum of \$165.00 for the purchase of Snow Fence.
12. Recommended to raise the sum of \$100.00 for upkeep of Cemeteries.
13. Recommended to raise the sum of \$38.50 for the White Mt. Region Association.

RAYMOND P. STUART,
DEAN F. MILES,
MYRON W. COLE,

Selectmen of Stark, N. H.

BALANCE

Assets

Cash in Hands of Treasurer	\$2325.34
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Unexpended Bal. in State Treasury T. R. A.	15.91
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Due from State:

1944 Bounty Schedule	48.00
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Reimbursement a/o State and Federal Lands	850.00
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Forest Reserve	100.00
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Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1943	493.63
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Levy of 1942	284.41
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Levy of 1941	193.34
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Previous Years	131.70
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Property Held by Town Deed	425.50
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Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1944	2126.83
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Levy of 1943	108.57
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Levy of 1942	73.05
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Previous Years	50.70
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Total Assets	\$7226.98
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SHEET

Liabilities**Accounts Owed by the Town:**

Bills Outstanding	\$ 268.56
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Due State:

\$3.00 Poll Taxes (Uncollected) Due State	
when Collected	168.00

Due School District:

1944 Dog Licenses	72.80
Balance of 1944 Appropriation	1500.00

State and Town Joint Highway.**Construction Account:**

Unexpended Balance in State Treasury	15.91
Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury	7.95

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

State of New Hampshire	2000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$4033.22
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	3193.76
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Total	\$7226.98
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Surplus Due to change of Fiscal Year; Snow Removal for Months of January and February very heavy.

RECEIPTS AND

Receipts

Total of Current Years Tax collections	\$12329.75
Property and Poll taxes, Previous years collected	156.70
Tax Sales redeemed	1174.47
Railroad and Savings bank tax	330.38
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal lands (1943)	708.05
Fighting forest fires	11.50
Bounties (1943)	26.90
Dog licenses	72.80
Interest received on taxes	26.03
Registration of Motor Vehicles	241.23
National forest reserve	169.81
Sale of town property acquired by tax deed	4535.54
Tax collector overpaid treasurer 1944 tax	96.33
1943 cost of Sale	103.04
1943 Tax sale	1253.39
Henry Gibson, Lot in Emerson Cemetery	5.00
Reimbursement of Post Telephone	12.00
Town of Dummer, Use of Town Plow	15.00
Discounts and abatements	345.29
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Total Receipts from all sources	\$21613.21
Cash on hand February 1, 1944	1782.35
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Grand Total	\$23395.56

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1308.95
Town officers' expenses	364.02
Election and Registration expenses	175.11
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	174.52
Fire Department, including forest fires	23.00
Bounties	48.00
Health Department	5.00
Town Road Aid	92.46
Town Maintenance (Summer \$1608.30)	
(Winter \$1627.03) Roads	3235.32
Town Maintenance	452.78
Libraries	250.00
Old Age assistance	752.92
Cemeteries	80.70
Myron Osgood, Overpayment of taxes to Treasurer	93.92
Taxes bought by Town, 1943 tax sale	1382.46
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	345.29
Interest	115.00
Payments on temporary loans in antici- pation of taxes	4500.00
Payment on long term notes	1000.00
\$3.00 dollar poll tax to State	330.52
Taxes paid to County	1755.24
Payments to School District	4585.00
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$21070.22
Cash on hand December 30, 1944	2325.34
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Grand Total	\$23395.56

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and buildings	\$ 2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Library	1,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	25.00
Fire Department, Equipment	150.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	200.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	4,500.00
Laura Silver House	400.00
Hazen Cole Place	200.00
Post	200.00

\$12,175.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Inventory of the Town of Stark for 1944

Lands and Buildings	\$171,825.00
Growing Wood and Timber	160,895.00
Electric Plants	500.00
Horses, 79	8,655.00
Mules, 4	200.00
Oxen, 2	200.00
Cows, 148	12,315.00
Neat Stock, 11	535.00
Sheep, 9	108.00
Hogs, 20	304.50
Vehicles	400.00
Portable Mills	4,000.00
Boats and Launches	500.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	22,300.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	85.00
Stock in Trade	215.00
Mills and Machinery	2,000.00

Total Valuation **\$385,037.50**

Soldiers' Exemptions	2,700.00
Poll Taxes, 168 at \$2.00	336.00
Poll Taxes, 169 at \$3.00	507.00

Assessments

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1100.00
Town Road Aid	135.19
Town Maintenance	1000.00
Current Expenses	500.00
Snow Removal	2500.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	1600.00

New Equipment	150.00
Libraries	250.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00
Town Poor	250.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Interest	500.00
Payment on Principal of Debt	1000.00
County Tax	1755.24
School Tax	4000.00

Total Appropriations	\$15640.43
Less Estimated Revenue and Credits	1670.00

	\$13970.43
Plus Overlay	226.92

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$14197.35
Less Poll Taxes	336.00

Amount to be raised by Property Tax	\$13861.35
Rate of Taxation on \$100.00	\$3.60
Poll Tax	\$2.00
Special Poll Tax	\$3.00

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RAYMOND P. STUART,

DEAN F. MILES,

MYRON W. COLE,

Selectmen of Stark, N. H.

December 30, 1944.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

CURRENT EXPENSES

Town Officers' Salaries

Raymond P. Stuart, Selectman	\$ 300.00
Myron Cole, Selectman	150.00
Dean F. Miles, Selectman	150.00
Susie Stone, Auditor 1943, Bal. 1942	22.50
Lynwood Gadwah, Constable 1943, Bal. 1942	15.00
Myron Osgood, Constable 1943	18.50
Myron Osgood, Tax Collector	465.95
Stella Lunn, Town Clerk and Treasurer	187.00
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	\$1,308.95

Town Officers' Expenses

Lancaster Nat'l Bank, Services Charges	\$ 3.10
Susie Stone, Auditor Expenses 1943	1.87
Myron Osgood, Cost of 1943 tax sale	113.18
Myron Osgood, Tax Meeting and Car Hire	7.25
Brown & Saltmarsh, Town officers' supplies	62.54
Raymond P. Stuart, Postage, Tax Meeting, Telephone, car mileage	23.29
Dean Miles, Car Mileage, Tax Meeting	23.30
Myron Cole, Tax Meeting	5.00
Berlin Reporter, Notice for Tax Meeting	1.50
Geo. M. Stevens & Son, Town Officers' Bonds	40.50
Willard Covioe, Printed Notices	3.50
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	2.34
Comstock, the Printer, Poll Tax Bills	3.15
Myron Osgood, Expenses	14.60

Stella Lunn, Expenses 1944	58.90
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	\$364.02

Election and Registration

Coos County Democrat, Town Reports 1944	\$115.00
Edson Eastman Co., Inc., Check list and Postage	8.86
J. W. Emery, Moderator 1944	15.00
Ernest Kiser, Copy and Posting Checklist, Serving	25.00
Marcia Dingman, Ballot Clerk	7.50
Urania House, Ballot Clerk	3.75
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	\$175.11

Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Glen Miles, Wood for Town Hall	\$ 28.00
C. Phil Stuart, Labor, Door town hall	3.50
Leo Frizzell, Sawing and piling wood	6.00
Homer Frizzell, building fires	2.75
Public Service Co., Lights Town Hall	62.39
Ervin Cole, work on Silver house	14.80
Ammonoosuc Telephone Co., Post Telephone	12.62
Grange Mutual Ins., ins. on Town Hall	12.50
Ralph Emerson, Material for Silver house	9.33
Hugh Dingman, work on Town Hall	1.00
Geo. M. Stevens & Son, ins. contents of Town Hall	15.63
Marcia Dingman, Cleaning Town Hall	6.00
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	\$174.52

Fire Department

J. E. Montgomery, Forest Fire Meeting	\$ 4.75
Amos Emery, Forest Fire Meeting	4.75
M. A. Osgood, Forest Fire Meeting and expenses	6.75

J. W. Emery, Forest Fire Meeting and expenses	6.75
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\$23.00

Bounties

Kathleen Frizzell, 1 Hedgehog	\$.50
Bill Hand, 4	2.00
Homer Frizzell, 1	.50
Norman Potter, 1	.50
Beverly Miles, 1	.50
Frank Blake, 1	.50
George Goodwin, 1	.50
Bert Emery, 4	2.00
Mr. Goss, 5	2.50
Leo Frizzell, 1	.50
Norman Hickey, 1	.50
John Pepau, 3	1.50
J. Gadwah, 1	.50
Henry Gibson, 2	1.00
Wilfred Oakes, 1 Bear	5.00
Myron Cole, 25	12.50
Dean Miles, 5	2.50
Patsy Higgins, 1 Hedgehog, 1 Bear	5.50
Glenn Lunn, 3	1.50
Paul Cole, 1	.50
Bill McKearney, 4	2.00
Warren Sutor, 4	2.00
Porter Cole, 1	.50
Bradley Lunn, 1	.50
Philip Scott, 1	.50
Blanch Hand, 1	.50
Herbert Miles, 1	.50
Elbert Scott Jr., 1	.50
(76 Hedgehogs, 2 Bear)	

\$48.00

Health Department

W. N. Emery, Health Officer	\$5.00
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Town Road Work

East End Summer and Winter Work

Leo Nadeau, plowing Cote Road	\$ 27.00
Ashley Leighton, Payroll	296.80
Myron Osgood, Fred Hand's Taxes, Agree- ment between Selectmen and Fred Hand	36.10
Andrew Leighton, Payroll	968.70
Collector Internal Revenue, Withholding Tax	3.00

\$1331.60

West End Summer and Winter Work

Clair Walker, Driving Tractor (Lee Hill)	\$ 7.00
Ellsworth Scott, Payroll	428.90
Ernest Kiser, Payroll	1459.43
Collector Internal Revenue, Withholding Tax	8.40

\$1903.73

Town Maintenance

Clair Walker, Work on Tractor	\$ 65.70
Canadian Natl. Railroad, Freight	17.40
Victor Paquette, Gas and Oil for Tractor	39.70
Dyar Sales and Machine Co., plow blades	30.00
Berlin Welding Co., welding and repairs on plows	37.67
Whitney's Garage, repairs on plow	5.35
Charles Tillotson, material for Silver house	4.50
Morris & Co., plank for culverts	31.08
Ernest Kiser, work on plow	9.10
Andrew Leighton, culverts	41.95
State of N. H., culverts, chloride and tractor hire	170.33

\$452.78

Old Age Assistance

State of N. H., O. A. A. 1944	\$752.92
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Libraries

Mrs. Kate Osgood, 1944 appropriation	\$250.00
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School District

Stella Lunn, Bal. 1943 appropriation	\$2000.00
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1943 Dog Tax	85.00
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Stella Lunn, part of 1944 appropriation	2500.00
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\$4585.00

Cemeteries

Dean Miles, Payroll for cleaning Blake

Cemetery	\$27.70
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Clarence Dingman, Cleaning Stark Cemetery	6.00
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R. J. Emerson, Mowing Emerson Cemetery	12.00
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Golden Dingman, Mowing Stark Cemetery	18.00
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Urania House, Work in Cemetery	5.00
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Clarence Dingman, Mowing Percy Cemetery	12.00
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\$80.70

Unclassified

Myron Osgood (Refund) Overpayment of

Taxes to Treasurer	\$ 93.92
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Discounts and abatements	345.29
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Tax Sale, 1943 taxes	1382.46
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State of N. H., T. R. A. 1944	92.46
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Lancaster Natl. Bank, Interest on Notes	115.00
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Lancaster Natl. Bank, Payment of Notes	4500.00
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State of N. H., Payment on Long Term Note	1000.00
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State of N. H., Special Poll Tax	263.25
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County Treasurer, County Tax 1944	1755.24
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\$9547.62

ROAD AGENTS' REPORT

Snow Removal Feb. 1, 1944 to Mar. 14, 1944

Ellsworth Scott and truck	\$311.50
John Nolan, Labor	78.20
Amos Emery, Team	3.00
Golden Dingman, Labor	2.70
Gerald Houley, Labor	15.30
Roy Egan, Labor	6.30
Town of Northumberland, Truck	11.90
Victory Tax	6.40

Total	\$435.30
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Road Agent, West End

Snow Removal and Snow Fence Spring of 1944

Ernest Kiser	\$54.60
Loran Bryant	15.00
Laurance Parks	28.20
Eugene Gilbert	10.80
Ralph Bigelow	10.80

\$119.40

Summer Work

Ernest Kiser	\$335.30
Laurance Parks	61.80
John Parks	52.80
Eugene Gilbert	49.80
Ellsworth Scott	8.40
Ralph Bigelow	20.40
Riley Lunn	89.60
Golden Dingman	22.50

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William Emery	14.40
Porter Cole	36.00
Paul Cole	9.60
Herbert Miles	9.60
Dean Miles	31.20
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	\$741.40

Repairing Culverts and Bridges

Ernest Kiser	\$ 67.20
William Emery	28.80
John Parks	28.80
Laurance Parks	28.80
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	\$153.60

Snow Fence, Winter Sand and Plowing, Jan. 1

Ernest Kiser	\$281.40
John Parks	79.20
William Emery	18.00
Herbert Miles	21.60
Laurance Parks	7.20
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	\$407.40

Gravel and Repair Work

Riley Lunn, gravel	\$19.60
Amos Emery, gravel	9.60
Thompson Mfg. Co., plow steel	4.71
Roberts Motors Sales, welding	7.10
Arthur Gigeuir, repair on plow	4.50
Ralph Emerson, supplies	10.63
George Gross, stove tractor house	5.00
Ernest Kiser, trip to Berlin with plow	7.20
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	\$68.34

East End of Town**Last Spring Work 1944**

Andrew Leighton	\$ 8.10
Wilbur Lawrence	6.00
Herman Maguire	4.80
Vernie Bickford	4.80
Owen Leighton	.90
Robert Leighton	.90
Ervin J. Cole	4.80
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	\$30.30

Summer Work 1944

Andrew Leighton	\$365.00
Owen Leighton	103.80
Ervin J. Cole	34.20
Fred Hand	4.80
Mary Howland, 26 yds. gravel	2.60
Maurice Forbush	42.00
Wilbur Lawrence	20.40
Thomas Forbush	2.40
Robert Leighton	21.60
Vernie Bickford	23.40
Herman Maguire	9.60
Wilfred Fogg, 72 yds. gravel	7.20
Lynwood Gadwah	24.30
Ashley Leighon, 106 yds. gravel	10.60
Groveton Paper Co., 12 yds. gravel	1.20
J. E. Montgomery, 18 yds. gravel	1.80
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	\$674.90

Cutting Bushes 1944

Andrew Leighton	\$ 34.40
Fred Hand	24.00

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Owen Leighton	24.00
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	\$ 82.40
	674.90
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Total for Summer Work 757.30

East End of Town Winter Work 1944-45

Putting Up Snow Fence

Andrew Leighton	\$20.00
Owen Leighton	12.00
Wilbur Lawrence	13.20
Wilfred Fogg	9.60
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	\$54.80

Putting Up Sand Pile

Andrew Leighton	\$28.00
Owen Leighton	12.00
Wilbur Lawrence	10.80
Morrison Co., felt	7.25
Mary Howland, 74 yds. sand	7.40
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	\$65.45

Repairing Snow Plow

Andrew Leighton, 2 trips to Berlin	\$ 8.40
Owen Leighton	3.60
Arthur Giguere, repairing and welding snow plow	34.70
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	\$46.70

Winter Work, 1944-45

Andrew Leighton	\$134.55
Ashley Leighton, tractor	28.80
Ervin J. Cole	8.70
Owen Leighton	14.10

Wilbur Lawrence	44.40
Robert Leighton	1.50
George McKinnon	4.20
Oil for Hoist	1.00
Neal Coates, driving tractor	51.75
Aluin Howland	1.20
Carl Bacon	3.00
Edgar Bacon, tractor	91.00
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	\$384.20
Last Spring Work	30.30
Putting up Snow Fence	54.80
Putting up Sand Pile	65.45
Rpeairing Snow Plow	46.70
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Total for Winter Work	\$581.45

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 1,782.35
Total Receipts to Treasurer	21,613.21
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	\$23,395.56
Total Payments	21,070.22
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Cash on Hand	\$ 2,325.34
Bank Balance, Dec. 30, 1944	\$2,699.26
Deposits not credited	3,115.99
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	\$5,815.25
Outstanding checks	3,489.91
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Cash on Hand Dec. 30, 1944	\$2,325.34
Respectfully submitted,	
STELLA A. LUNN,	
Treasurer.	

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct.

SUSIE B. STONE.

Auditor.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

1944



BOOKS CLOSED

DECEMBER 31, 1944

Year	Collection	Discount	Abatement	Uncollected	Total
1944	\$12,329.75	\$251.57	\$42.40	\$2,126.83	\$14,750.55
1943	116.45			108.57	225.02
1942	28.25		22.20	73.05	123.50
1941	2.00		14.00	25.60	41.60
1940	6.00		2.00	15.10	23.10
1939				8.00	8.00
1938	4.00			2.00	6.00
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	\$12,486.45	\$251.57	\$80.60	\$2,359.15	\$15,177.77
Warrant of 1944		\$14,704.35			
Added in Assessing		43.20			
Interest		.90			
Bank Tax		2.10			
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	\$14,750.55				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES DECEMBER 31, 1944

Name	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
Abbott, Clifton	\$5.00						
Abbott, Lillian		\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	
Ball, Roy	21.20	25.44	19.15				
Ball, Mrs. Roy	5.00	2.00	2.00				
Bryant, Lorin	5.00	2.00					
Bryant, Mrs. Lorin	5.00	2.00					
Croteau, Celia		2.00	2.00				
Cole, Madeline	5.00						
Cole, Ira	37.40						
Cole, Porter	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00			
Conley, John	5.00						
Conley, Myrtle	5.00						
Cole, Una	5.00						
Cole, Myron	122.36						
Cole, Hazen	20.16						
Cote, Joseph	94.68						
Cote, Josephine	5.00						
Dingman, Clarence	5.00						

Name	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
Dingman, Worden	28.76						
Dingman, Iola	5.00	2.00	2.00		2.00		
Dingman, Golden	7.20						
Dingman, Marcia	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		
Beblois, Sam	9.00						
Dionne, Red		13.12	12.25				
Emerson, Robert	18.90						
Emerson, Martha	43.20						
Emery, Bert		2.00					
Frizzell, Ray		2.00		4.00			
Flack, Clinton		2.00					
Gibson, Robert	31.43		4.20				
Gibson, Maud	5.00		2.00				
Gibson, Henry	63.23		2.00				
Hickey, Mrs. Clyde	5.00						
Holbrook, Orange	4.48			2.00		2.00	
Holbrook, Florence	5.00			2.00		2.00	
Holbrook, Leon	7.20						
Holbrook, Mrs. Leon			1.00				

Name	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
Hickey, Clyde							
Howland, Kermit	5.00			2.00			
Howland, Mrs. K	5.00						
Johnson, Ralph	15.80	6.88			3.70		
Johnson, Mrs. R.	5.00	2.00			2.00		
Kay, Leon	5.00	2.00					
Keeser, Harrison				3.60	3.40		
Keeser, Christine				2.00			
Kizer, Ernest	43.16						
Kizer, Roxie	5.00						
Lunn, Riley	113.43						
Leighton, Oren	7.88	5.75	4.45				
Leighton, Geneva	5.00	2.00	2.00				
Lapoint, Zernat	14.40	2.00	2.00				
Lunn, Glen	5.00						
Lunn, Mrs. G.	5.00						
Larcy, Ellin	5.00						
Lemay, Donat		9.38					
Lemay, Yonne		2.00					

Name	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
Littlehale, Nelson	5.00						
Littlehale, Julia	5.00						
Maniuel, Irene	5.00						
Maguire, G & H	180.00						
Martin, Osia	134.60						
Martin, Bertha	5.00						
Martin, Theodora	5.00						
Miles, Herbert	52.16						
Miles, Ethel	5.00						
Nadeau, Leo	77.00*						
Napert, Arthur	108.00						
Potter, Chas.	5.00	2.00	2.00				
Potter, Aaron	5.00	2.00	2.00				
Potter, C. & A.	58.80						
Potter, Norman	3.60						
Parks, Lawrence	3.60						
Parks, John		2.00					
Parks, Letha		2.00					

*Poll Paid Berlin Jan. 1, 1945

Name	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
P'epau, Ethel		2.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00
Pearson, Hazel	5.00	2.00					
Pearson, Gerald	12.60						
Perrow, Ernest	5.00						
Perrow, Cecile	5.00						
Rogers, Lillian	5.00						
Rogers, John	62.60						
Rogers, Theo			2.00	2.00			
Snyder, R. G.	5.00						
Stone, Susie	59.00						
Stone, Guy	160.88						
Sessions, Allie	5.00						
Stone, Earl			2.00				
Sanderson, Maud	18.00	2.00	2.00				
Weagles, James	5.00						
Wright, Dave		2.00					
Walker, Clair	6.80						
Walker, Mrs.	5.00						
Hand, William	44.60						

Name	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
Hand, Eva	5.00						
Bingham, Bernice	3.60						
Baldwin Est.	2.16						
Howland, Mary	28.80						
Howland, Delivan	7.20						
Halverson, Alf	1.80						
Hamel, Cecile	13.68						
Nelson, Wilber Est.	21.60						
Newell, A. J. Est.	118.08						
Hessenesser, C.	7.20						
Potter, A. A.	8.00						
Pierre, Lucien	14.40						
Trearnos, M.	7.20						
	\$2126.83	\$108.57	\$73.05	\$25.60	\$15.10	\$8.00	\$2.00

TAX SALES ACCOUNT LEVY OF YEAR

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	Total
Sold Town	\$7.13	\$244.06	\$228.59	\$281.66	\$450.37	\$1634.17	
Interest		29.79	21.35	1.35	2.61	4.44	
Total Debits	\$7.13	\$273.85	\$249.94	\$283.01	\$452.98	\$1638.61	

CREDITS:

Collections	\$7.13	\$161.95	\$147.82	\$61.82	\$165.96	\$570.25	\$1114.93
Deeds Town		31.18		26.50		557.17	614.85
Abatement						13.12	13.12
Uncollected		50.93	80.77	193.34	284.41	493.63	1103.08
Due Town							
Int. Coll.		29.79	21.35	1.35	2.61	4.44	\$2845.98
							59.54

Total Cash Collection
Int. Cash Collections
Abatement

\$2905.52

\$1187.59 Amount to Treasurer

UNREDEEMED:

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Paul R. Cole	\$ 3.40	\$20.24	\$ 20.07		
Leaon Holbrook	11.31			\$ 15.40	
Maud E. Sanderson	36.22	29.24	27.17	23.33	\$ 25.55
Wilber Nelson Est.		31.29	28.13	25.31	26.66
Riley Lunn			117.97	104.59	116.42
Henry Gibson				50.93	62.61
Margaret Keeser				18.19	
Sullivan Est.				46.66	
Sam Deblois					45.79
Norman Potter					11.81
Frank and Arthur Nepert					187.31
Gerald Pearson					3.94
E. E. Tibbitts Est.					13.54
Total	\$50.93	\$80.77	\$193.34	\$284.41	\$493.63

Property Held by Deed
Interest

\$4,858.40
394.03

Redeemed

\$5,252.43

Unredeemed

\$4,535.54
701.49

\$5,237.03

Property Held by Deed:

Laura Silver

\$116.04

Charles & Aaron Potter

69.61

Leon Holbrook

29.83

Robert Emerson

197.80

Martha Emerson

128.26

Hazel Cole

159.95

Total

\$701.49

Cash	\$12,486.45	Treasurer's Receipt	\$1,892.85
Abatements	93.72	Treasurer's Receipt	4,806.29
Discounts	251.57	Treasurer's Receipt	5,023.52
Redemptions	1,174.47	Treasurer's Receipt	4,730.69
Solid Deed	4,545.54	Treasurer's Receipt	816.56
	<hr/>	Treasurer's Receipt	2,750.63
1943 Sales	\$18,541.75		
1943 Interest	1,253.39		
1943 Costs	26.03		
Overpaid Treas.	103.04		
	96.33		
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	\$20,020.54		\$20,020.54

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Abatements:

Louise Lunn, 1944	\$ 5.00	
Ella Oakes, 1944	5.00	
H. Stockman, 1944	9.00	
A. Halverson, 1944	7.20	
S. M. Kaemmerling, 1944	10.80	
P. Goss, 1944	1.80	
G. Steady, 1944	3.60	\$42.40
E. E. Tibbetts Est.	\$13.12	13.12
A. Cote, 1942	\$ 8.20	
G. Graham, 1942	2.00	
Francis Hopps, 1942	6.00	
L. Lunn, 1942	2.00	
Alex LeClare, 1942	4.00	22.20

J. Gomache, 1941

B. Henry, 1941

\$12.00

2.00

14.00

B. Henry, 1939

\$ 2.00

2.00

\$93.72

I. Myron A. Osgood, hereby certify that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. A. OSGOOD, Tax Collector.

LIBRARY REPORT

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1944	\$ 3.07
Received from Town of Stark	250.00
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	\$253.07

Payments

Muriel Stuart Salary	\$ 52.00
Books	152.41
Supplies	3.14
Postage, Etc.	1.76
Cash in Bank	1.21
Cash on Hand	42.55
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	\$253.07

Owing to fiscal year being changed to Jan. 1st, this balance was on hand but will be used for payment of Books in January or February.

KATE L. OSGOOD.

Trustee Stark Town Library.

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stark
qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on Tuesday, March 13, 1945, at eleven-thirty in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for ensuing three years.
4. To elect a Treasurer for ensuing year.
5. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.
7. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-thousand-seventy-three dollars (\$1073) to meet the deficit for the school year 1944-1945.
9. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stark this tenth day of February, 1945.

ROXA A. KISER,
META L. MONTGOMERY,
ZORA M. MILES,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ROXA A. KISER,
META P. MONTGOMERY,
ZORA M. MILES,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Organization

	Term Expires
Mrs. Roxa E. Kiser, Chairman	1947
Mrs. Meta P. Montgomery, Secretary	1946
Mrs. Zora M. Miles	1945
Miss Stella A. Lunn, Treasurer	
Miss Stella A. Lunn, Clerk	
Mrs. Susie B. Stone, Auditor	
Dean Miles, Truant Officer	
Mrs. Urania H. House, Moderator	
Alonzo J. Knowlton, Supt. of Schools	

Board meetings are held on call of Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944.

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1943	\$ 750.44
Received from Selectmen, appropriations	\$4000.00
Received from Selectmen, dog tax	85.00

Received from State Treasurer,		
State Aid	2420.89	
		6505.89
Total amount available for fiscal year		\$7256.33
Less school board orders paid		6720.00
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1944		\$ 536.32
STELLA A. LUNN,		
District Treasurer.		
June 30, 1944.		

Detailed Statement of Receipts

Date	From Whom	Source	Amount
1943			
Oct. 22	Selectmen	Taxation	\$2000.00
Dec. 18	State of N. H.	Equalization	2420.89
1944			
June 5	Selectmen	Taxation	2000.00
	Selectmen	Dog tax	85.00
Total receipts during year			\$6505.89

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944

Receipts

State Aid:

Equalization fund \$2420.89

Income from Local Taxation:

For support of elementary schools \$2699.48
 For high school tuition 770.52
 For salaries of district officers 150.00

For payment of per capita tax	180.00	
For obligations imposed by law	200.00	
		<hr/> \$4000.00
From Sources Other Than Taxation:		
Dog licenses, 1943		85.00
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Total receipts from all sources		\$6505.89
Cash on hand July 1, 1943		750.44
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Grand Total		\$7256.33

Payments

Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$ 150.00
Superintendent's excess salary	164.96
Truant officer and school census	20.00
Expense of administration	2.75

Instruction:

Teachers' salaries	3793.46
Text books	85.26
Scholars' supplies	84.28
Flags and appurtenances	10.74
Other expenses of instruction	19.98

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service	144.00
Fuel	346.46
Janitors' supplies	12.91
Minor repairs and expenses	68.27

Auxiliary Agencies:

Medical inspection	75.00
Transportation of pupils	657.00
High school tuition	770.52

TOWN REPORT

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Elementary school tuition	20.90
Fixed Charges:	
Per capita tax (\$2.00)	180.00
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:	
Alteration of old buildings	16.41
New equipment	98.00
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Total payments for all purposes	\$6720.00
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1944)	536.33
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Grand Total	\$7256.33

BALANCE SHEET**Assets, June 30, 1944:**

Cash on hand: Balance June 3, 1944 \$536.33

Liabilities, June 30, 1944:

Amount reserved for special purposes:
School repairs \$536.33

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Stark, also the financial record of the school board of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and find them correct in all respects.

SUSIE B. STONE.

Auditor.

July 1, 1944.

BUDGET FOR 1945-1946

School Board's estimate of the amount required to support public schools and to meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945.

Detailed Statement of the Proposed Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	\$4000.00
Text books	70.00
Scholars' supplies	70.00
Flags and appurtenances	10.00
Other expenses of instruction	10.00
Janitor service	216.00
Fuel	400.00
Janitors' supplies	30.00
Minor repairs and expenses	200.00
Health supervision	75.00
Transportation	765.00
Elementary tuition	36.00

Total	\$5882.00
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Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	\$ 150.00
Truant officer and school census	20.00
Payment of high school tuition	1500.00
Superintendent's excess salary	164.96
Per capita tax (Estimate)	160.00
Other obligations	35.04

Total	\$2030.00
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Grand Total	\$7912.00
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Estimated Income of the District

Balance June 30, 1945 (Estimate)	
State Aid Dec. 1945 (Estimate)	\$2085.00
Dog tax (Estimate)	85.00
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Total	\$2170.00
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Deduct total estimated income	
(Not raised by taxation)	\$5742.00
Assessment required to balance	
school board's budget	

Respectfully submitted,

ROXA A. KISER,
META P. MONTGOMERY,
ZORA M. MILES,
School Board.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS****To the Members of the Stark School Board:**

I hereby submit for your consideration my eleventh annual report of the Stark schools.

At the close of the school year 1943-1944, we lost two of our teachers: viz., Mrs. Esther Aldrich Moreau, teacher at Percy school, and Mrs. Lena J. Rich, teacher at Crystal school. Late in the summer, Urania H. House was secured to teach at Percy and Mrs. Maud E. Sanderson at Crystal. Both teachers are doing very well although it has been some time since their previous teaching experience. The teachers at the Village schools are the same as last year: viz., Mrs. Alice E. McHarg, grammar room, and Miss Florence Deegan, primary room.

The following eleven pupils completed the work of the eighth grade: Donald J. Croteau, Harvey F. Hickey, Glen E. Miles, Jr., Doris M. B. Martin, Claude L. Martin, Marilyn V. Rogers, Elbert G. Scott, Jr., Roma B. Maguire, Dorothy A. Hand, Marcia Gadwah, and Zanita Pepau. Of these, eight entered high school in September.

The eleven pupils with perfect attendance for 1943-1944 are as follows: Homer Frizzell, Richard Hickey, Claud Martin, Doris Martin, Victorine Stuart, Albert Frizzell, Patricia Deering, Beverly Miles, Marcia Gadwah, Zanita Pepau, and George N. McKinnon.

The school census taken during September 1944 listed sixty-five pupils in town between the ages of five and sixteen. Of this number sixty-two were reported in school and three (fourteen to sixteen) had completed the work of eighth grade but did not enter high school. On September 30th, forty-nine children were registered in our local schools. We have twenty pupils attending high school this year—sixteen in Groveton, three in Lancaster, and one in Berlin. One elementary pupil is attending school in Groveton.

The health examination and follow up work was done by Miss Florence Wheeler, R. N., as in the past. Miss Wheeler's report showed ten with defective vision, thirty-six with defective teeth, and two with defective breathing. Six of those reported with defective teeth have been corrected and one tonsil case has been corrected.

Electric lights have been installed in the Village school house. The lights are much appreciated by the persons who are obliged to occupy the rooms in dark days.

The transportation of pupils from the Emerson and Blake districts has been done by Mrs. Roxa Kiser. She is transporting twelve pupils. Mrs. George Nelson transports one pupil to Groveton elementary school, and J. W. Emery transports one pupil to the Percy school.

From last year's registers, we gleaned the following data: Total number of pupils registered in town was 69; per cent of attendance was 94.11; 65 tardy marks were recorded; the school board members made one visit to the schools; the superintendent was credited with 110 visits; citizens with twenty-one visits; six school board meetings were held; and 13 pupils were transported at the expense of the district.

For the most part, assistance has been rendered by the superintendent at the time of his visits and conferences with the teachers.

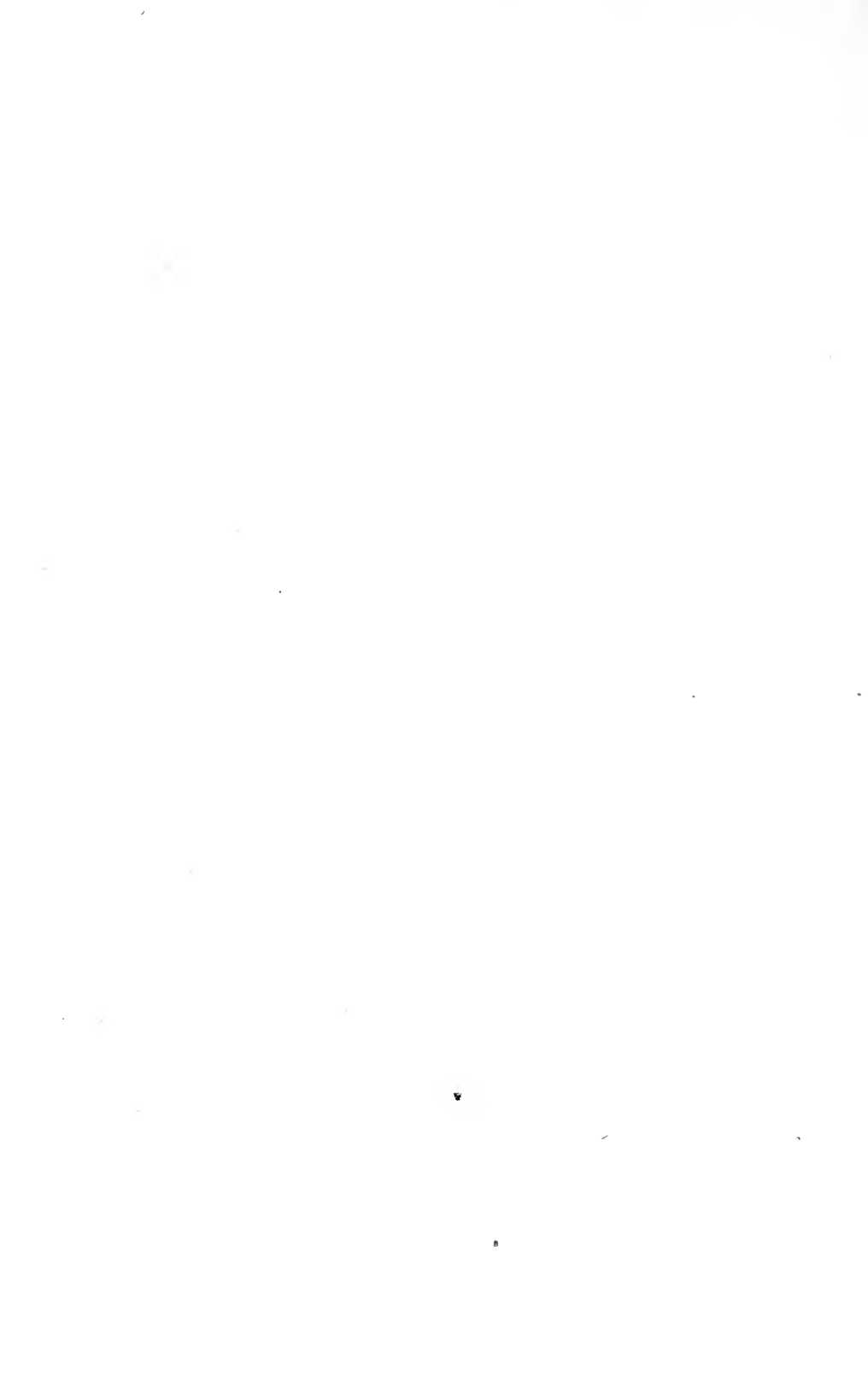
The schools at Percy and Crystal are growing smaller each year. It may be advisable sometime to consider transporting these pupils to the village where there is ample room at present.

The work in the schools has been generally successful due to the cooperation of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,

Superintendent.



Tables of Vital Statistics

VITAL STATISTICS--1944

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June, 1877, requiring "Clerks of Towns and Cities to furnish a transcript of the marriages, births and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report" I hereby submit the following:

STELLA A. LUNN, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., For the Year Ending December 31, 1944.

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname Groom and Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Age and Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Father	Name, Residence and Station of Person by whom Married
Oct 23 Groveton	Jas. Francis Weagle Melvina Portigue	Stark Groveton	24 Laborer 18 Housework	Stark Stratford Hollow	Levi O. Portigue	Wm. Lehnert, JP. Groveton

Births Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., For the Year Ending December 31, 1944.

Date of Birth and Name of Child if Any	Sex L or S No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Mar 26 Eliz'beth Jean	F L 1	Ephraim J. Perkins	Shirley M. Maguire	Bowl'g Alley Prop.	Groveton	Stark
May 11 Reta Arlene	F L 2	Glen Ellery Miles	Emma M. Holbrook	Farmer	Irasburg, Vt.	Stark
June 20 Glenn Joshua	M L 1	Glenn J. Lunn	Althea L. Norwood	Farmer	Northumberland	Seal Harbor, Me
June 26 Larry Dean	M L 2	Dean F. Miles	Lora M. Pearson	Farmer	Albany, Vt.	Clarksville
Sept 20 Diana May	F L 3	Henry R. Gibson	Norma T. Hopps	Farmer	St. Albans, Vt.	Groveton
Dec 1 Everett Ray	M L 2	Ray U. Frizzell	Mildred E. Gibson	Farmer	Colebrook	Stark

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stark, N. H., For the Year Ending December 31, 1944.

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years, Months and Days and Place of Birth	Male or Female Single, Married or Widowed and Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Mar 28 Stark	Albert Emery	81 10 21 Stark	M M Farmer	Nathaniel Emery	Sarah Blake
Jan 30 Melrose, Mass.	Vera H. Cole	64 Stark	F S	Caleb Cole	Phoebe Veazie
Jan 9 New Haven, Ct	Eben S. Greenleaf	81 5 24 New Sharon, Me.	M W Minister	Henry Gibson	Norma Hopps
Apr 20 Lancaster	David D. Gibson	7 17 Lancaster	M W	John Veazie	Lucy Hall
June 30 Colebrook	Simeon R. Veazie	90 11 8 Dummer	M W W. Foreman	James Sullivan	Mary A. Brogan
July 13 Jamaica, Ms.	Louise M. Lunn	55 10 2 Groveton	F M Housewife	Ernest W. Walz	Abby M. Lewis
July 24 Stark	Frederick W. Walz	74 10 26 Hampstead, N. Y.	M M Retired	Henri Stone	Julia Stone
July 28 Stark	Julia M. S. Bassett	76 6 14 Compton, P. Q.	F W Retired		

Another Enemy To Conquer !



Here is a home front fight that everyone can get into. Last year in this State 558 brush and forest fires burned over 4,648 acres of land, of which 2,788 acres were valuable timber and young growth. With available manpower the lowest of any year since the war started, you can help to keep this loss down by preventing these fires from starting.

Keep in mind these simple rules:

1. Always get a permit from your forest fire warden before starting any fires in the open. Burning under certain conditions is permitted.
2. Never burn unless you have enough help to control your fire—a permit does not excuse you of negligence in case it gets away.
3. Always report any uncontrolled fire promptly to your forest fire warden. Minutes lost are acres lost.
4. Be especially careful with cigarettes, matches and pipes. Smokers caused most of our fires.
5. Never leave a fire unless it is dead out. You can't feel safe while there is a spark left.

KEEP NEW HAMPSHIRE GREEN